Howrah is causing considerable inconvience to the Cochin bound passengers as the train reaches Cochin at night;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to change the departure time to 19 hrs. so as to enable the passengers bound for Cochin avail of local trains/buses and reach their home the same day without spending the night at the railway stations; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The train reaches Ernakulam Jn. at 6.05 P.M. and Cochin at 6.45 P.M. which are convenient timings.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Due to heavy grouping of mail/express trains and peak hours suburban trafic at Howrah, the train cannot leave earlier.

Catering services in Howrah-Cochin Express

2199. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Catering services of Howrah-Cochin Express are not upto the mark;

(b) whether any representation or suggestion has been received in this regard;

(c) if so, whether dining car is proposed to be attached to this train; and

(d) if so, when and what are the details thereof; and if not, the steps to be taken to improve the catering services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) There is demand for Pantry car service by this train.

(c) Yes, Sir

(d) It will be introduced when new Pantry cars become available.

Attachment of more reserved coaches to Trivandrum and Mangalore

2200. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to attach sufficient reserved coaches to Trivandrum and Mangalore in Guwahati-Cochin/Trivandrum and weekly Howrah-Cochin express trains; and

(b) if so, when and what are the details thereof; and if not the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The trains in question have adequate reserved coaches for Trivandrum/Cochin. Mangalore bound passengers can also take connecting trains at Palghat.

Reservation Quota for Passengers of Calcutta|Howrah in Guwahati-Cochin Trains

2201. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any reservation quota for passengers of Calcutta|Howrah in bi-weekly Guwahati and Cochin|Trivandrum trains; if so, the details thereot; and

(b) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The following reservation quotas are